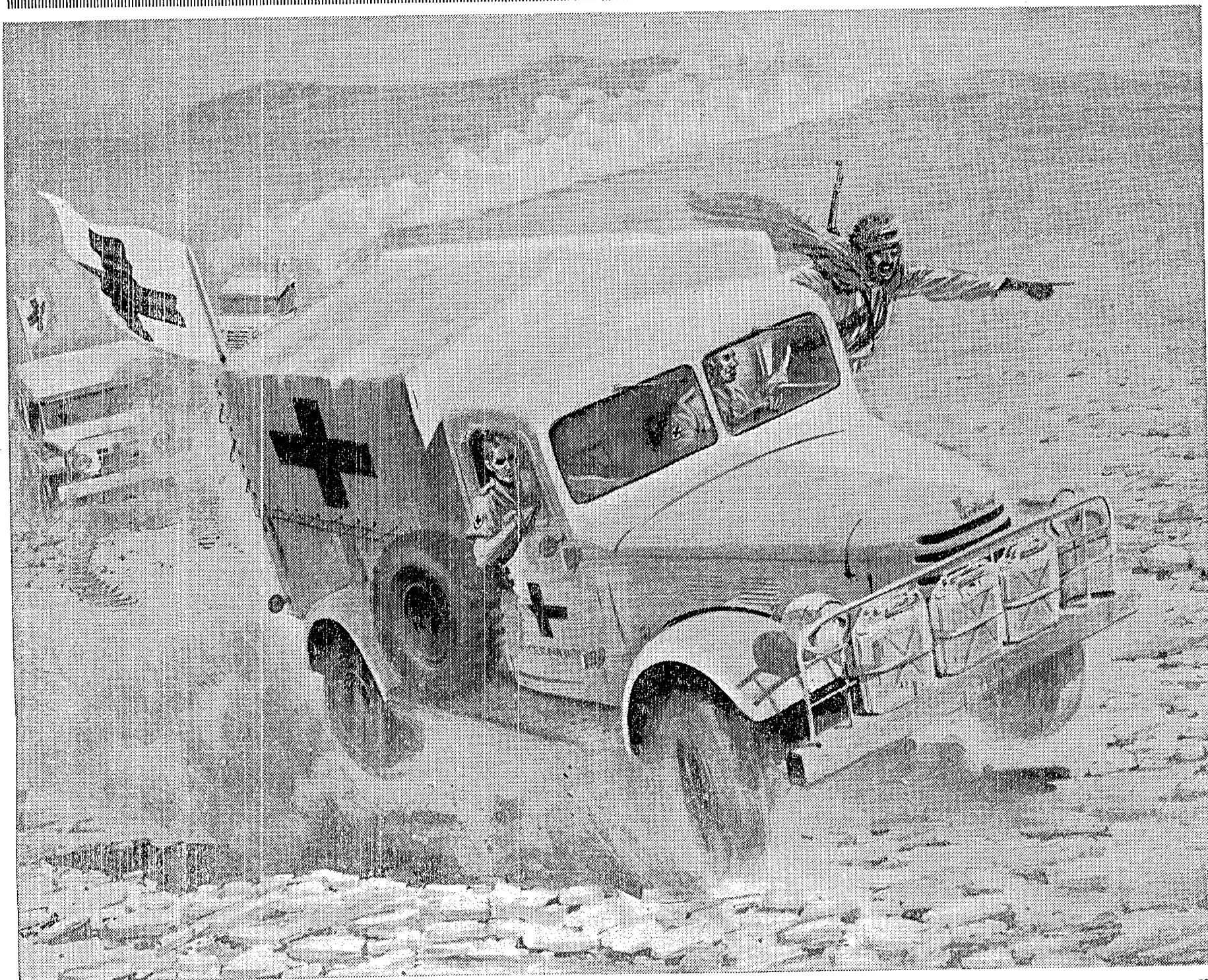


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RED CROSS TO THE RESCUE

IN the kingdom of the great Queen of Sheba, now known as Yemen, a minefield stretches across the desert. A Red Cross party was threading its way across it towards the armies now fighting for control of this ancient land.

A local Bedouin led the way as guide. Half-way across he stopped and confessed he had forgotten the rest of the mining plan! But the Red Cross party drove full speed ahead (see the picture above) and was lucky enough to reach safety.

The Yemen suffered a revolution about two years ago, when

the Imam, or ruler, was overthrown by republican forces. There were no hospitals where the wounded in the fighting could be treated. In fact, many Yemeni had never seen a doctor and even had to be taught that their diseases could be treated and cured. The Red Cross discussed the situation with officials of both sides in the revolt, and was given permission

to set up a hospital. This also gives help to under-nourished children by supplying vitaminised milk to 600 war orphans each morning.

There are agreements, known as Conventions, between Governments, by which countries bind themselves to give decent treatment to prisoners of war, men wounded and sick on the battlefield, and the wounded, sick, and shipwrecked at sea. The taking of hostages, deportations (carrying away people to another land by

force), and forced labour are outlawed. Civilian hospitals and staff are protected, special provisions are made for the old, the sick, mothers and children, and others in special need.

This month sees the centenary of the signing of the first of these international conventions (known as the Geneva Convention because it was drawn up and signed in that city). If this had not happened, there might never have been a Red Cross convoy dashing through a minefield in Yemen.

IT'S OVER!

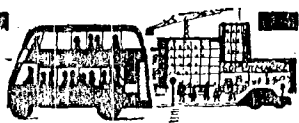
But not so the record output of the American star who not only sings songs but writes them too:

ROY ORBISON!

Look out for a "special appearance" of this great personality of pop music
In CN Next Week!

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IN BRITAIN NOW



BEAUTIFUL PIT HEAPS!

Pit heaps at Ashington, Northumberland, may be used for winter sports throughout the year.

The 500 tons of spoil, dumped each week from Ashington coal-mines, has given the town a fine range of "mountains."

The pit heaps could be converted and nylon runways installed for the ski runs and toboggan slopes, says the Ashington Chamber of Trade.

The North Western Region of the Central Electricity Generating Board has also been doing something about unsightly heaps. In the Lancashire town of Kearsley, about five miles from Bolton, a

power sub-station has been built on an eroded slag heap.

According to *Power News*, about 270,000 cubic yards of colliery waste were cut from the heap to provide a base for the switchhouse. Piles were sunk up to 60 feet into the underlying coal measures, and during excavation fossils nearly 30 million years old were found.

The slopes around the Kearsley sub-station have been turned into lawns and trees have been planted.

This is an excellent idea which might well be copied in other places where unsightly pit heaps mar the countryside.

HOLD THAT TORTOISE!

Heavyweight customer for the four men is this big tortoise arriving at Whipsnade Zoo. Along with several other London Zoo tortoises, this specimen will spend the remainder of the summer at Whipsnade, where there is more room to move. All the tortoises will go back to London Zoo in the autumn.



NICE AND SWEET

Filletts of shark have been offered for sale in London and are described as "nice and sweet" by the secretary of the Shark Angling Club at Looe, Cornwall, where some 6,000 sharks are caught every season.



STAY THAT SPRAY

Reports from Lincolnshire say that three-quarters of a million bees have died within a few days due to the careless spraying of insect-killing chemicals on the land. This could mean a loss of up to two tons of honey.

Coming Events

Special Event

○ **LONDON**: See the wickets fall at the Fifth Test Match between England and Australia, at the Oval, 13th-15th and 17th-18th August

Also:

○ **ULLAPOL**: Sharpen your hooks for the Junior Sea Angling Competition in Ross and Cromarty, 11th August

○ **BALLYMENA**: Northern Ireland National Sheepdog Trials in County Antrim, 12th August

○ **TORBAY**: Yachting Fortnight at Teignmouth, Torbay, and Dartmouth, 15th-29th August

HOME AGAIN TO LONELY FAIR ISLE

The population of Fair Isle, which lies halfway between the Orkneys and the Shetlands, has suddenly increased—by three.

Mr. Stewart Wilson, his wife, and his 60-year-old mother arrived there to take over the island's general store. To Mr. Wilson's mother it is a home-coming; she left Fair Isle 40 years ago to live in the Orkneys.

40 YEARS AGO

(From CN issue dated 9th August, 1924.)

A wall picture has been added to the historical series now adorning the corridors of Parliament, representing the introduction of the first woman Member of the House of Commons in November 1919. Mr. Charles Simons is the artist.

The first woman MP was, of course, Lady Astor, who has now seven women colleagues. Her work in Parliament fully justifies the honour done to her.

When Lady Astor died on 4th May this year, aged 84, there were 25 women members of the House of Commons. Ed.

It seems to me...

PETS AND HOLIDAYS

PETS can be a bit of a problem when holidays come round. How can you make sure that they will be safe and happy while you are away?

They must, of course, be properly looked after. Sometimes friends will do this. But do be sure, before you accept such a kind offer, that these friends are the sort of people who really know how to do what they have promised to do—and will in fact do it! Many poor animals are made miserable and some even suffer in health through being left with a well-meaning but incompetent person.

Another way is to board on holiday, you expect good your pets out at a kennels food and a comfy bed! or some sort of "pets" hotel." But again you must make certain that the place is a good one.



Pamela Griffiths (13), with a guinea pig, one of the pets she cares for at her Animals Hotel in Hereford

The Editor

LAUGH TIME



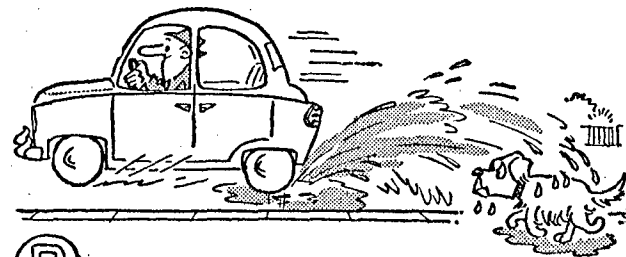
"Roger, have you been buttering his perch again?"

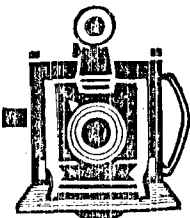


"I'd like it a little longer."



"But it was only a teeny weeny little worm when you fixed it on. Do you think it's been eating the fish?"





KNOW YOUR NEWS

MALTA GOES HER OWN WAY

By Our
Special Correspondent

AFTER 150 years under British rule, the Mediterranean colony of Malta will become an independent Commonwealth country next month and the Maltese will shed foreign control for the first time.

Before the British appeared on the scene the Maltese were governed in turn by the Phoenicians, Carthaginians, the Romans, Arabs, Spaniards, the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, and the French.

Great Prize

During the Napoleonic wars Britain fought France for Malta, which is really a group of islands and islets. Their position between Sicily and North Africa on the shortest sea route to the East made them a great prize when they were annexed in 1814.

As a major naval base, Malta played a key role in the defeat of Germany and Italy during the last war, and as a reward a unique distinction was conferred

on the island by King George VI in 1942.

He gave Malta the George Cross—named after him—in recognition of the islanders' heroism under ceaseless enemy bombing.

But after the war the picture changed. The need to cut down the number of ships in the Royal Navy in the nuclear age

lessened the value of the naval dockyard. It was turned into a commercial ship-repairing centre. And other ways of reducing Malta's dependence on the dockyard for jobs and money were proposed under a £29,000,000 development plan.

This was interpreted by some as an attempt by Britain to rid herself of Malta—which was unable to pay her own way—and by others to get her 350,000 people to "stand on their own feet."

A third body of opinion

doubted whether Malta could ever be truly independent without help from Britain, or the Commonwealth, or the United Nations—or members of the Communist bloc.

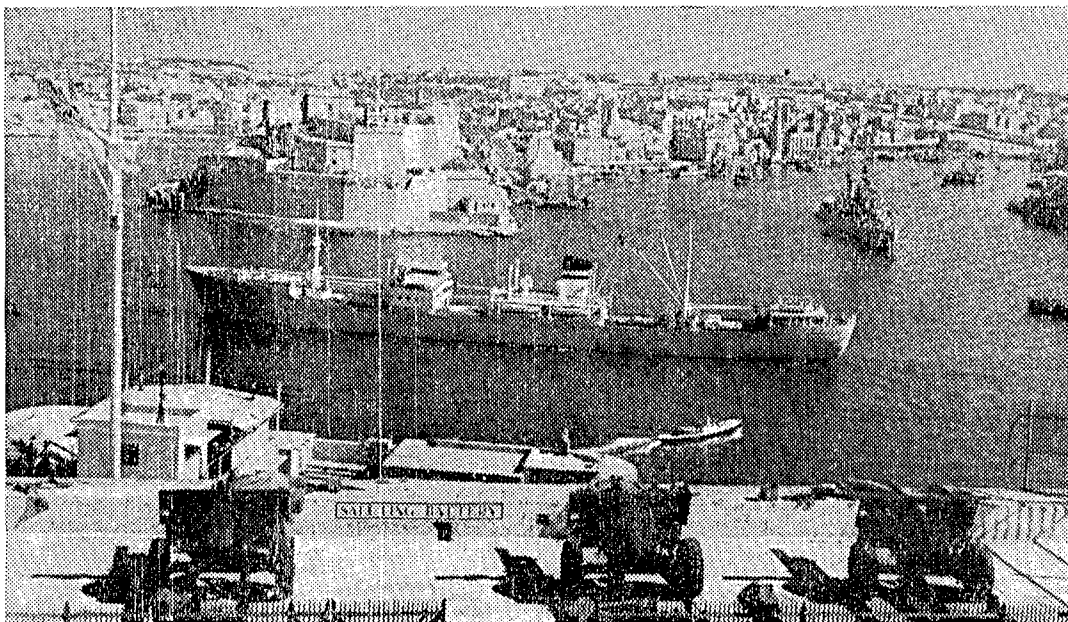
In 1955 a plan was put up to unite Malta with Britain, making her as much a part of this country as, say, the Isle of Wight, and with Maltese MPs sitting at Westminster. It came to nothing.

Many talks have been held since, in London and Valletta. Now, at last, the present Maltese Prime Minister, Mr. George Borg Olivier, has agreed to an independence plan.

Ten-Year Stay

Under this plan British land, sea, and air forces will stay in Malta for the next ten years. In return, Britain will pay Malta a total of £50,000,000.

Malta's people are mainly Roman Catholics, but the independence constitution provides safeguards for non-Catholics.



Grand Harbour, Valletta, in the sun-drenched Mediterranean island of Malta

READERS' LETTERS

HEARING FROM BRITISH HONDURAS

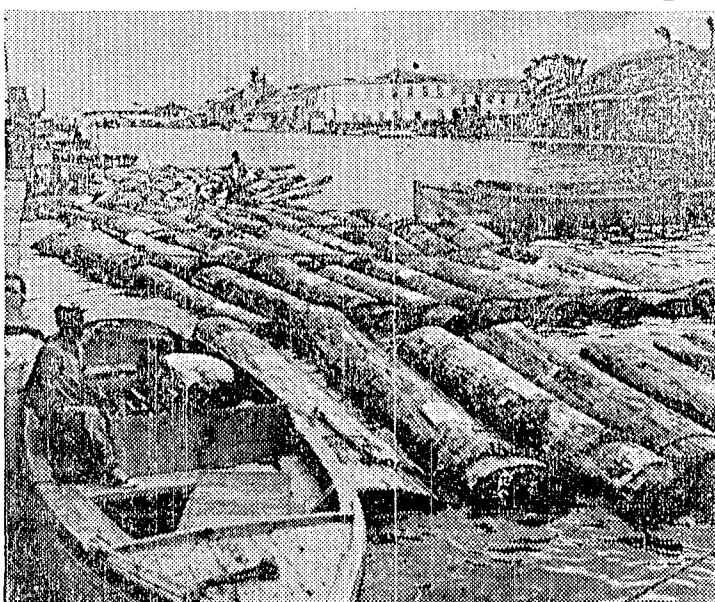
Dear Sir,—I have been reading CN for the past two years, and I have often seen various letters from people who wanted pen-pals. I myself am interested in pen-pals from all parts of the world.

I am a boy of 13 years, who lives in the city of Belize in British Honduras. My hobby is stamp collecting. Besides that I also like movies and sports, especially basketball.

I hope some of your readers will write to me.

Robert Godfrey, 47 Pickstock Street, Belize, British Honduras, Central America.

Big logs on their way to the sawmills at Belize, capital of British Honduras



LOSING A TORTOISE AND GAINING A HEDGEHOG

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago my pet tortoise escaped, leaving its enclosure empty.

The other day I heard a scrapping noise in the tortoise's old, hay-filled box. I looked in and saw a hedgehog snuggled up in a nest which had been made out of the old hay.

Every evening I put out a dish of bread and milk for it to eat. In the morning I find that it has all been consumed. I hope that it will have babies, but I cannot tell whether it is a male or female.

Paul Ansell (10), Orpington, Kent.

RATHER SMALL COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—I am a keen collector of farthings, and my collection, so far, is rather small. So I should be very grateful if some CN readers have any they could send me.

D. M. Brookes, 2 Castle Estate, Lythwood Road, Bayston Hill, near Shrewsbury, Salop.

DO NOT BE SAD!

Dear Sir,—Thank you very much for publishing my letter in CN of the 6th June.

I got too many letters and I have found quite a lot of other boys and girls who would like pen friends in England. But I am so sorry that I cannot find someone for everybody.

Thank you very much all girls and boys who wrote to me. If you do not get an answer now, please do not be sad. I will try to find pen friends for you later on.

Bente Knarkoj, Horsens, Denmark.

ANY COUNTRY

Dear Sir,—I would like a pen friend in any country.

My hobbies are: stamp collecting, football, cricket, golf, and string puppets. I am 12 years old, and would prefer a boy to write to.

Ian Patterson, Avelda, Shotton Road, Horden, Peterlee, Co. Durham.

DOWN WITH POP SPOT?

Dear Sir,—I have been reading CN for six months, and like it very much. One thing that spoils it is Pop Spot.

I feel that pictures of more general interest would be better, as we are not all pop fans.

Robert Page (10), Luton.

DO YOU KNOW?

What is the origin of the Maltese language?

What is the name of the Governing political party and the Opposition party in Malta?

What is the predominant religious faith of the Maltese?

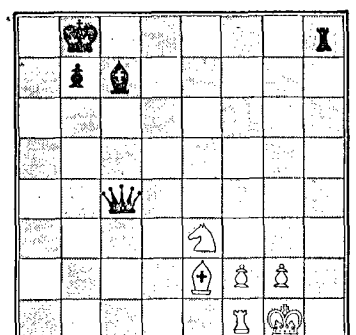
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CN CHESS CLUB

WHEN a pawn has advanced all the way up the board and reached the eighth rank, it must be promoted.

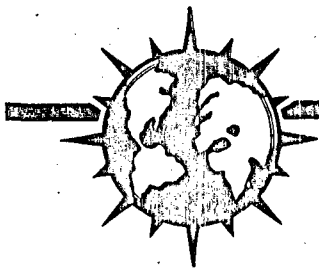
Many people think that it automatically becomes a Queen, but this is not so. It may be promoted to any piece, be it Knight, Rook, Bishop or Queen.

In most cases, however, it does become a Queen, as this is the most mobile piece. A player may have more than one Queen. Indeed, if he manages to promote all his eight pawns, he could have a total of nine Queens on the board at the same time!



In this week's problem, Black plays and checkmates White in three moves.

Answer on page 12
T. MARSDEN



NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

Earth-Moving Convey

A huge convey of heavy earth-moving equipment is making a journey of 2,000 miles across the centre of Australia.

The machinery, valued at more than £180,000, is being transferred from the Ord River dam-building and irrigation project in the extreme north of Western Australia to the Broken Hill district on the border of New South Wales and South Australia.

It will be used on the work of converting the Broken Hill to Port Pirie railway to standard gauge.

Sydney Gets a Skeleton

One of the world's two complete skeletons of the prehistoric sabre-toothed tiger has been sent to the Taronga Park Zoo in Sydney. The bones of the tiger, which became extinct more than 7,000 years ago, were discovered in an excavation near Los Angeles, in the American State of California.

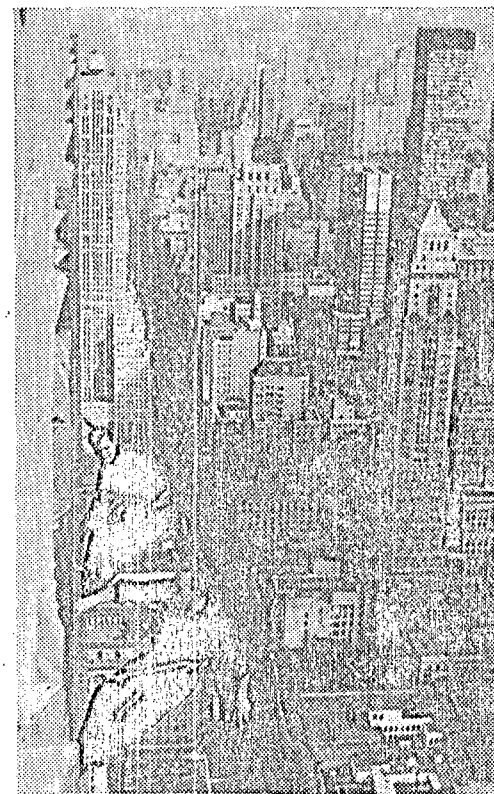
They were reassembled by experts for the Los Angeles Zoo, but the authorities decided to trade them with Australia for a pair of rare white kangaroos.

About Wild Life

The State of Victoria is to protect the unique Australian bird, the Mallee Fowl, from extinction. Some 15,000 acres have been set apart as a reserve for this species.

The Mallee Fowl makes its home mainly in the scrub country of north-western Victoria, building remarkable mound nests of decaying vegetation and soil so designed that the eggs are hatched by naturally-produced heat.

In the two months' incubation period, the parent bird scratches the mound to admit sunshine or moisture and to keep a constant



BUILDING UPWARDS FOR A QUARTER OF A MILE!

High (1,000 feet!) above the busy streets of New York, these men cleaning the Empire State Building may have to go even higher when the World Trade Center is completed.

internal temperature of about 95 degrees Fahrenheit.

Also from Victoria comes news of a scheme to reduce the number of wild donkeys by one third.

The donkeys were introduced into the Kimberley area about 80 years ago as pack animals for goldminers. Now there are 100,000 of them roaming wild over some 90,000 square miles, grazing on vegetation badly needed by cattle. The wild donkeys outnumber cattle by five to one, and they are now classed as vermin.

Oil From the Islands

The West Australian Petroleum Company is extending its search for oil to the Monte Bello Islands, off the north coast of the State. The islands are about 20 miles north of Barrow Island, where more than 700 barrels of oil a day are now being produced.

The Monte Bello Islands have been a restricted area, because of radio-activity risk, since the explosion of the first British atom bomb there in 1952.

Among the skyscrapers of Manhattan Island, New York, is a new one which, when finished, will top all the rest. It is the World Trade Center, whose twin towers will soar to 1,350 feet—more than a quarter of a mile—into the air.

The twin towers, which will each be 100 feet higher than the famous Empire State Building, will rise from a plaza covering five acres. They will rest on concrete piers founded on rock about 70 feet down. The complete system of buildings will occupy a 16-acre site, and will cost something like £70,000,000.

The World Trade Center, in which some 50,000 people will work, is due to be completed by 1970.

FINN FAN



Pop appeal stretches far and wide. Here is a fan in the little Finnish town of Punkaharju—just 20 miles from the Russian border—who doesn't have to speak English to let you know who his favourite group are!

MORE FISH IN DEEP WATERS

The world fish-catch grew from four million tons in 1900 to 45 million in 1962. Since then it has continued to increase by about three million tons a year.

A director of the USSR's Research Institute of Marine Fishing says that, given scientific methods, the harvest could be even larger. Even if the yearly catch were to grow to a thousand million tons, that would still only amount to about a 20th of the ocean's wealth.

So far, more than four fish in five are caught relatively close to shore, in waters not more than 600 feet deep. Probably eleven-twelfths of the ocean area are still ignored by the fishing fleets.

Fishing grounds have, however, been steadily extending southwards. By 1962, about two-fifths of the catch was coming from tropical and southern oceans.

KEEPING TRACK OF THE SALMON

The tagging and release of 150,000 Atlantic salmon smolts annually over the next few years is being undertaken in Canada.

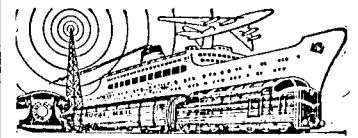
The salmon will be reared at the Department of Fisheries' culture stations in New Brunswick until they are two years old, when they are known as smolts. Then they will be tagged and released at various points in the St. John and Miramichi River systems.

The purpose of the experiment is to determine more accurately what happens to hatchery-reared salmon after they are released.

FOOD SHOW

The US Department of Agriculture is to hold a food exhibition at the Trade Centre in London from 5th-16th October.

BRIEFLY . . .



Three Holstein cows are to be sent to Russia as a gift from Canada.

A tableau 750 feet long, 30 feet high, and costing £7,000, will be the main feature of the famous Blackpool illuminations from 4th September until 25th October.

Booking Early

British Overseas Airways Corporation have already received bookings for the Anglo-French Concorde airliner, which is not expected to be in service until 1970.

Some Tooth!

A tooth seven inches long and three inches across was dug up at Beetley, near East Dereham, Norfolk. It has been identified as that of an elephant which lived more than 150,000 years ago.

In the year ended in June, Australia sold a record 5,025,414 bales of wool.

New Coins

France is to introduce two new coins next year—a silver ten-franc piece, and a nickel 50-centime piece, which will replace the present copper-coloured coin.

There were 86 entries in a handicraft exhibition organised by the Hertfordshire Old People's Welfare Society. The prizewinning exhibit was made by the only male competitor.

In the first six months of this year Malaya opened 30 new tin mines. The country now has 756 mines in operation.

Costly Litter

According to the Keep Britain Tidy Group, it costs more than £1,000,000 to clean up litter after every Bank Holiday.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS : 1 Greek sun god. 5 Idols. 10 Used in golf. 11 Lubricate. 12 Reel. 15 Handwriting. 17 Girl's name. 18 Eskimo fishing boat. 20 Small spot. 21 Stitches. 23 Month. 24 Allot. 25 Consumed. 27 Help. 28 Bewitch. 30 Mass of paper. 31 Arid. 34 Frail. 36 Injure. 38 Rest. 40 Go astray. 41 Creator. 43 Which person. 44 Spooned. 46 Principal meal. 48 Slippery fish. 49 Female deer. 50 A governing assembly. 51 Interfere. DOWN : 1 Painter. 2 Capital of Canada. 3 Allow. 4 Vegetable associated with Wales. 6 Mimic. 7 Atmosphere. 8 Moved smoothly. 9 Dog. 13 Poem. 14 Male sheep. 15 Speak. 16 Cooking vessel. 19 Moslem woman's veil. 22 Piece of meat. 24 Bishop's hat. 26 Conclude. 27 Also. 29 Expands. 30 Watchman. 32 Showed boredom. 33 Boy's name. 35 Period. 36 Furious. 37 Colour for danger. 39 Pronoun. 41 Dissolve. 42 Go on horseback, etc. 45 Meadow. 47 Indicate assent.

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SPECIALLY FOR GIRLS

FIFTY YEARS OF THE JUNIOR RED CROSS

THIS is the jubilee year of the Junior Red Cross. The world's biggest international organisation of young people, it has more than 62 million members in 83 countries.

It is a specially important year for the Junior Red Cross members in Australia and Canada, for it was in their countries that the movement originated.



Australian Junior Red Cross members packing boxes for Korea

From Australia has come news of its own Junior Red Cross activities.

The first branch was set up in 1914 with the object of encouraging young people to work in the service of others, just as their elders were doing in the world-wide, Swiss-founded Red Cross. (In the same year Canada also founded a Red Cross organisation for children. For some time neither country knew of the other's work; as the news got round both agreed to share the honour of founding the movement.)

The Australian Junior Red Cross has about 260,000 members, divided into two age groups. Up to the age of eight, members are in the Koala group. The older group—the Junior Red Cross—is open to girls and boys up to 16.

In addition to raising money—often from backyard fêtes with “home made” items on the stalls—for orphanages and health-holiday camps in Australia, the members work to help the distressed in other countries. Last year, dried milk was sent to a home for crippled children in Singapore. And, as can be seen in my picture, they have been busy packing and despatching Friendship boxes to children in war-divided Korea.

As a special jubilee year project, all branches of the Australian JRC are making layettes for babies in south-east Asia, particularly in those areas where earthquakes, floods, and famine have caused much hardship. Toys, food, and clothing are also being sent to a children's hospital in Port Moresby, Papua.

DIANA IS BOUND FOR WASHINGTON

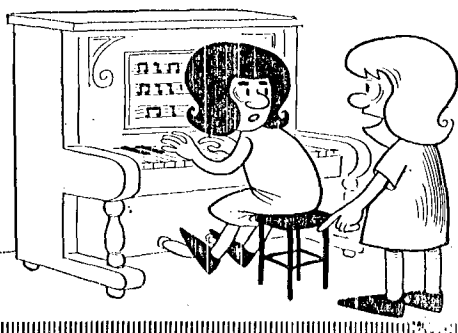
IN CN issue dated 18th July, I wrote about Pamela Stevens, 17-year-old Belfast schoolgirl who had been awarded an American Field Service Scholarship. Now I've just heard of a Newcastle girl with a similar award.

She is 17-year-old Diana Keyes, of the Central Newcastle High School. She will be spending a

year at Mount Vernon, in Washington, where she will attend the Mount Vernon High School.

Diana, whose home is at Rudchester, Heddon-on-the-Wall (the village is on the site of the Roman wall built by the Roman emperor, Severus), will have ample opportunity to indulge in her favourite hobby, which is riding.

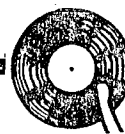
SISTERS



“Let your clutch out and then accelerate!”

Vicky

POP SPOT



This week we invite you to meet the American recording star **DIONNE WARWICK**!



DIONNE WARWICK

RARELY without a hit tune, Dionne Warwick, who lives 3,000 miles away on the other side of the Atlantic, has had two top discs here in Britain in recent months. This, in itself, is something of a rarity, for with British recordings dominating the pop scene throughout the world, it is becoming increasingly difficult for foreign artists to make the grade here.

Born of a family with strong musical ties, Dionne Warwick was brought up at East Orange, Connecticut, and it was in this eastern State of the USA that she attended the famous Hartford School of Music.

College days over, Dionne formed her own vocal group and also accompanied such artists

as The Shirelles. But for a girl with a fine background in music, Dionne could hardly succeed in escaping success as a soloist.

Her first major hit was *Anyone Who Had A Heart*, and this sold like “hot discs” in America, but was overshadowed in this country by Cilla Black's version of the same song. Then Dionne recorded *Walk On By*, and this lilting, irresistible song won a place on the turntables of thousands of pop music lovers all over the globe.

Oh, and finally, a tip for autograph hunters: Rise bright and early for Dionne's signature, for she's a girl who likes being all but up with the lark!



HOW WE RUN OUR COUNTRY

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS

The Speaker is the chief officer of the House of Commons. The chief officer of the Lords is the Lord Chancellor. There are various officials in the House of Lords, just as there are in the Commons.

The Crown appoints several peers who may act as Deputy Speaker in the absence of the Lord Chancellor.

The first of these is the *Lord Chairman of Committees*, who is appointed by the House at the beginning of each session. (He is usually re-elected each session until he chooses to resign.)

The Lord Chairman of Committees does not usually take part in debates on ordinary topics. His main task is to act as chairman of the committees of the House of Lords.

Black Rod

The other officers of the House of Lords include the *Clerk of the Parliaments*, who is appointed by the Crown. His job is to keep the records of proceedings and judgments, advise the members of the House on points of order and procedure, administer the judicial business of the House, and to pronounce the words by which the Royal Assent to Bills is signified.

There is a *Serjeant-at-Arms* in the House of Lords to attend upon the Lord Chancellor, just as



"Black Rod," one of the most important Lords officials

there is in the House of Commons to attend upon the Speaker.

One of the most important of the Lords officials is the *Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod*.

This official controls the admission of "strangers" to the Lords

while the House is sitting and is sent to summon the Commons when their presence is desired in the House of Lords.

The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod is a Royal Messenger. When he summons the Commons to the Lords, the Commons' door is shut against him and he has to knock before being permitted to enter. This tradition symbolises the right of the Commons to exclude even the Queen's Messenger from their Chamber.

Bowing Three Times

After he has been admitted to the Commons, Black Rod walks up to the Table, stopping three times to bow to the Speaker's Chair, and then he says, "The Queen commands this honourable House to attend Her Majesty immediately in the House of Peers." He then walks backwards to the Bar of the House, again bowing three times as he goes, and waits there for Mr. Speaker to join him.

Then, led by the Speaker and Black Rod, the MPs walk slowly to the House of Lords.

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TAKE A LOOK AT NATURE

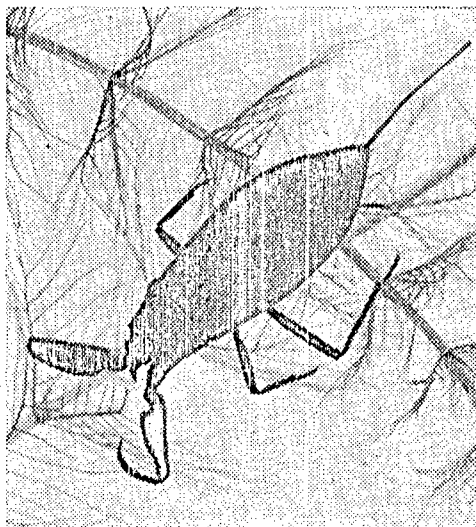


SCORPIONS THAT LIVE IN WATER

FORTUNATELY we do not have any real scorpions in Britain; but we do have two pond insects that are commonly known as "water scorpions," though they are not even related to the venomous creatures of hotter climates.

Our two water scorpions are insects. The commoner species may often be captured by pond-hunters, but the other kind is rarer and is more or less confined to waters in the southern part of Britain.

The Common Water Scorpion is flat-bodied, and greyish brown in colour. It is a little less than one and a half inches long and may be identified by the queer front legs which look very like the "claws" of a genuine scorpion—hence its name. At the rear end there is what



Water scorpions can be kept in a home aquarium

seems to be a long sting or tail, but this is in fact a breathing tube, for this insect takes in air from above the surface by pushing the tube out of the water.

Both this species and its other

relation are provided with a sucking device or beak which is thrust into soft-bodied water animals to suck in their juices.

Though they do not at a casual glance appear to have wings, they

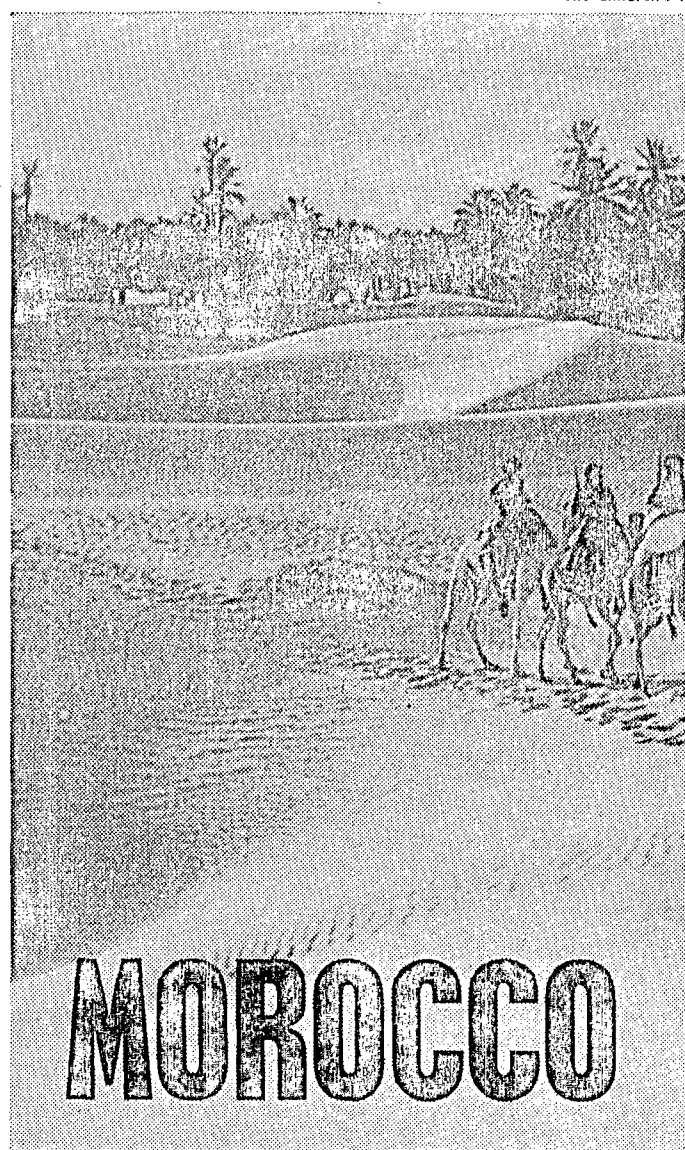
are provided with them; and if a pond dries up, they are capable of flying to another one.

The rarer of our water scorpions is sometimes referred to as the water "stick-insect." This is because it has a long, thin tubular body and long spindly legs, the front pair, as in the Common species, being adapted to catching prey, though they do not resemble the claws of true scorpions to anything like the same degree.

by
Maxwell Knight

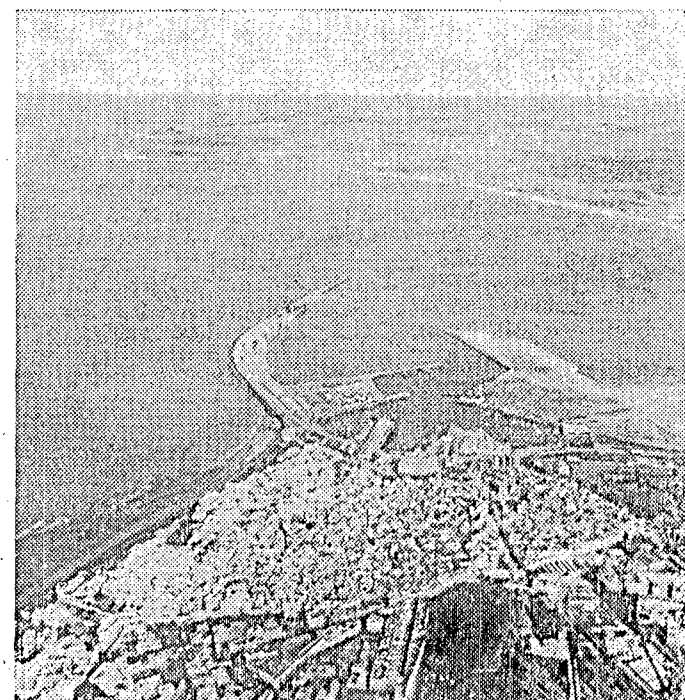
Both species lay eggs, and when these hatch out the young are known as *nymphs*: this stage is an intermediate one during which, as the insects grow, the skin is shed several times. Once they become adults, further growth ceases, as it does with all insects.

These interesting creatures can be kept in a small aquarium, so long as there are plenty of water plants. If it is difficult to obtain enough natural food, small earthworms will be accepted. It is wise to cover the tank with perforated zinc to prevent escape.



MOROCCO

AFRICA'S NORTH-WEST CORNER



This aerial photograph gives a splendid view of Tangier and

From a CN Reader

FLOATING FREE

THE Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) organised a meeting of world scientists and physiologists recently in Florence, Italy, to discuss—among other topics—the peculiar effects of weightlessness on the human body.

A Russian physiologist explained the changes that take place in the body of the astronaut during sustained flight. Foremost were a temporary loss of elasticity of the muscles and mild irregularities in the flow of the blood.

Mental Hazards

These are physical changes but there are also a number of mental hazards. In conditions of near-zero gravity, the space-man sometimes feels that his body doesn't belong to him and he can actually forget where his limbs are if he allows his attention to wander!

There is also the curious claim of the astronauts that they can see objects as small as railway engines from an orbiting altitude of 100 miles or so!

For instance, Major Gordon Cooper, who blasted off from Cape Kennedy on 15th May, 1963, to circle the Earth 22 times, reported that he could see his Texan home town and even pick out individual houses.

Super vision or hallucination? Probably the latter, but no-one knows why it happens.

However, spaceflight has its lighter moments. Russian astronaut Major Nikolayev — 64 orbits in August, 1962—left his pilot's seat every day for an hour or so and "swam" round his cabin by pushing against the walls as he floated.

Spinning Capsule

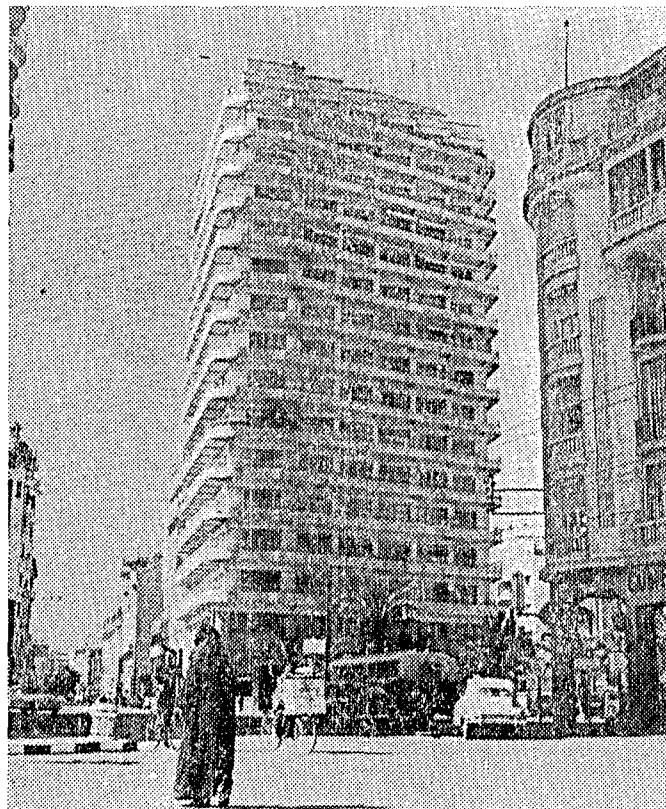
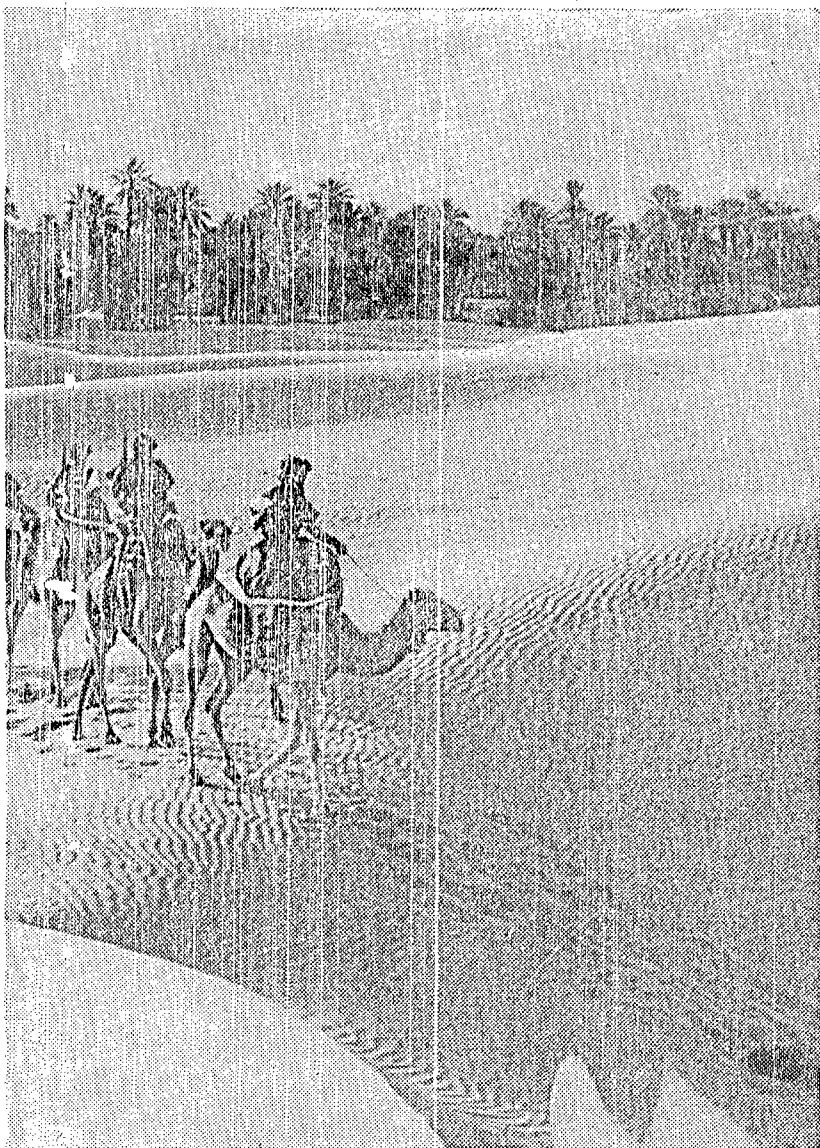
But on the whole, it seems that there are more dangers in prolonged manned spaceflight than advantages. Does this mean that all such journeys will be abandoned, and that Man will never visit the planets?

By no means! The various physical and mental defects described can be overcome by the simple expedient of rotating the capsule.

In this way artificial gravity will be created and the pilot will be able to carry out his duties and suffer no ill-effects in his strange environment. Of course, there will be some complicated engineering problems to overcome in spinning the craft, but can anyone doubt that they will be solved in this wonderful Scientific Age of ours?

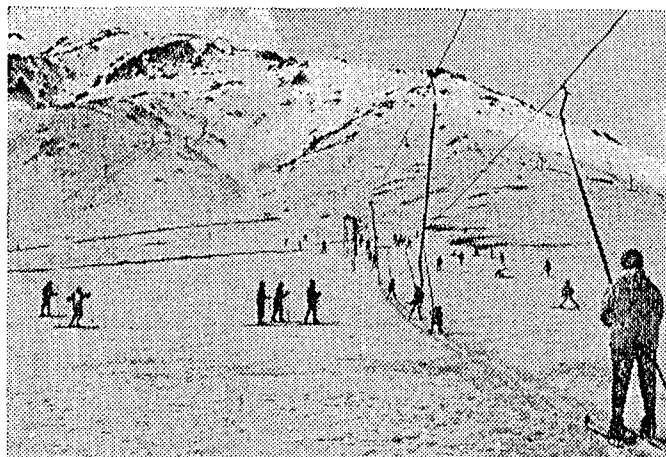
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This block of flats in Casablanca strikes a modern note

◀ Setting out from an oasis across the desert in Morocco's far south-west



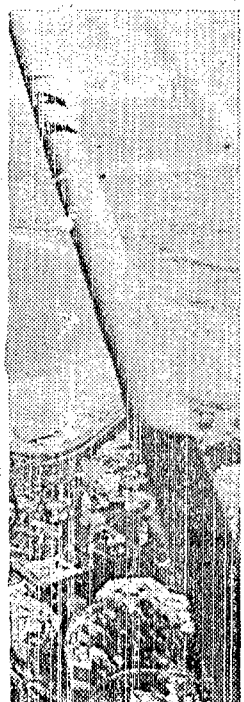
Ski-lift for winter sports, only 100 miles from the Atlantic

MOROCCO is newsworthy because it is not in the news, so to speak. It is one of the few peaceful countries in a continent which at the present time is seething with change and unrest.

Morocco occupies Africa's extreme north-west corner. It fronts on to both the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, with a far longer coastline than its much bigger neighbour, Algeria.

Through it run the huge Atlas mountains. From these, permanent rivers (rare in North Africa) run down to the sea, and provide hydro-electric power. Snow crowns their summits, while to the west of them is the burning desert of the Sahara, and to the east a fertile coast land.

Vineyards, orange orchards, great fields of wheat and rich phosphate deposits (for fertiliser) bring Morocco considerable wealth.



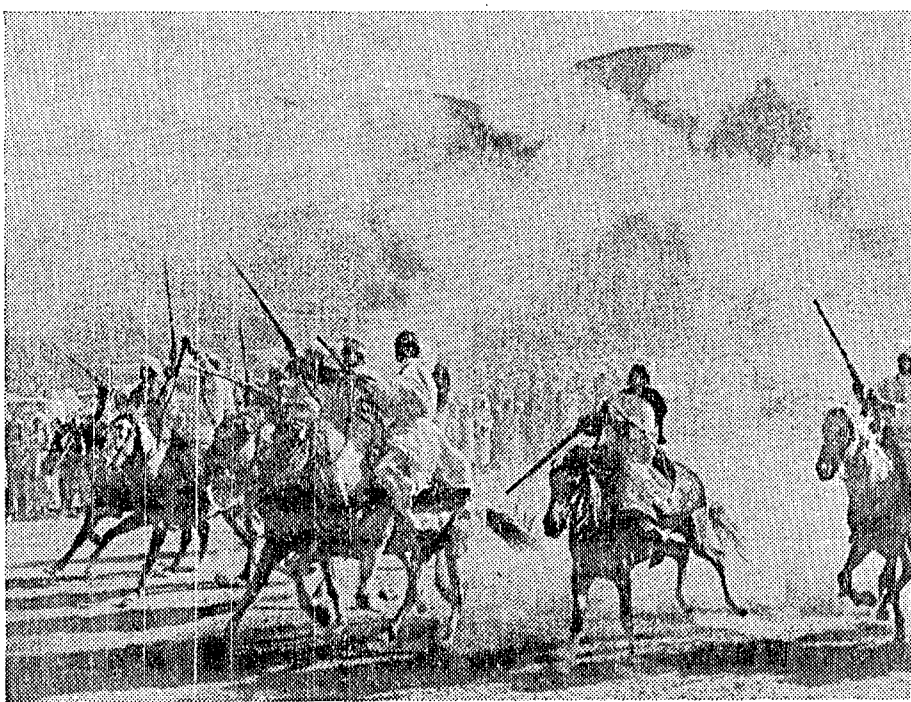
and its fine harbour



Girl of the Atlas mountains



A typical southern tribesman

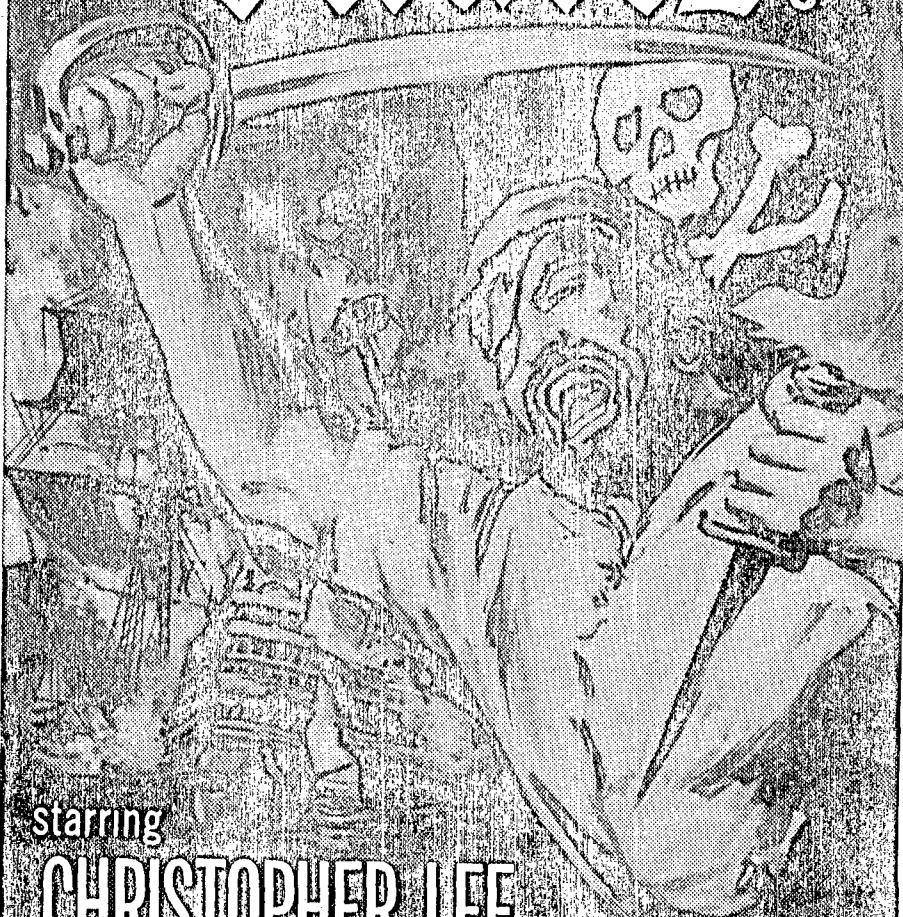


This warlike scene is in fact part of a display by mounted Arabs at Marakesh

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SUPER SUMMER HOLIDAY ATTRACTION



As You Like It

The rightful ruler of a French dukedom was living in banishment in the Forest of Arden. Among others there was a young man named Orlando.

Later Rosalind, the duke's daughter, was banished too, and Celia, the daughter of the usurper duke, went with her. They settled down in a cottage in the forest. Rosalind disguised as a young shepherd called Ganymede, and Celia as his sister Aliena.

Orlando had fallen in love with Rosalind earlier, at the duke's court, but did not recognise her in the shepherd boy he now met. Then he met someone else — his brother Oliver, who had always hated him.

Orlando saved Oliver from a savage lioness, and was wounded in so doing. Relating this to Ganymede and Aliena, a repentant Oliver fell in love with Aliena...

1. Meanwhile, while love was stealing into the hearts of Aliena and Oliver, Ganymede, hearing of the danger Orlando had been in, and that he had been wounded by the lioness, fainted.

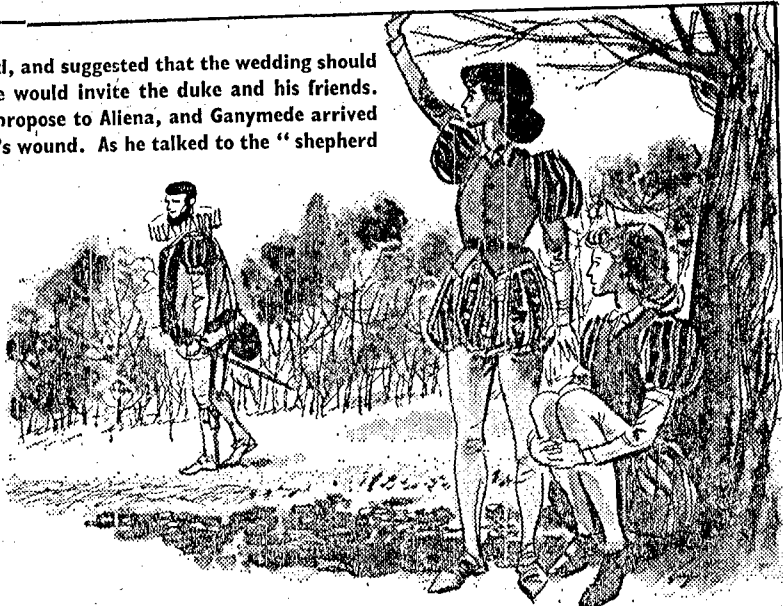


When Oliver saw what had happened, he was surprised that a young man should do such a "womanish" thing. Recovering, Ganymede protested that he had not really fainted at all.

2. Oliver returned to his brother with a lot to tell him. He recounted how he had fallen in love with the pretty "shepherdess" Aliena, and how upset Ganymede had plainly been at the news that Orlando had been wounded by the lioness. Oliver then went on to say that he was so deeply in love with Aliena that he wanted to marry her and live as a shepherd there in the forest. His fine house and estates he would settle upon Orlando.



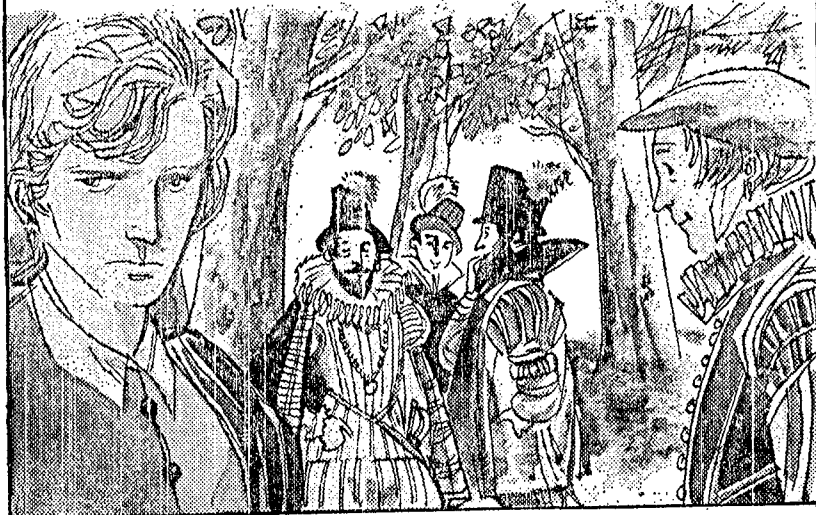
3. Orlando was delighted, and suggested that the wedding should take place next day—he would invite the duke and his friends. Oliver then went off to propose to Aliena, and Ganymede arrived to inquire after Orlando's wound. As he talked to the "shepherd boy," Orlando spoke of his brother marrying Aliena, and added wistfully that he wished he could be married to Rosalind on the same day—whereupon Ganymede said that he could grant his wish. Orlando wondered how Ganymede could possibly do this, but Ganymede said it would be easy!



4. Oliver proposed to Aliena, and she accepted him. Next morning the two of them came before the duke in the forest. Orlando was there, too.



5. Everyone was now waiting to celebrate a double wedding—but there was only one bride! Those present felt that Ganymede was playing a trick on Orlando.



6. The duke then discovered that the second bride was to be his own daughter, and, astonished, he asked Orlando if he thought Ganymede really could keep his promise.

At that moment Ganymede appeared and told the duke that, if he consented to Rosalind's marrying Orlando, he could summon her there at once. The duke said he was warmly in favour of the match. And when Ganymede asked Orlando if he was sure he wanted to marry Rosalind, Orlando said it was his dearest wish.



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POSTMARK FOR KING BOMBA

FEW monarchs have been as vain and as unpopular as Ferdinand II of Sicily. His reign, from 1830 to 1859, was punctuated by riots and rebellions among his resentful subjects.

On one occasion, to quell a revolt in Messina, Ferdinand ordered his troops to bombard the city for three days. This brutal act earned him the nickname of "King Bomba."

Sicily's first stamps were issued in 1859. They showed a portrait of the King, and for this reason they are known to philatelists as "Bomba heads." There were seven stamps in the series, and although the higher values are now very rare, the low values are not too scarce.

If you come across a used "Bomba head," you will notice that the postmark on it has a strange design, resembling an old-fashioned picture-frame. This postmark



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Festival Theatre and Academy. More than 150,000 people visit the Theatre every summer to see Shakespeare's plays performed by American actors.



The King might be angry, thought the Minister, if his portrait on the stamps was obliterated by an ordinary postmark. By using the picture-frame postmark, the King's portrait was left untouched.

At an auction held recently in London by Robson Lowe, Ltd., the envelope pictured above was sold for £4,000. Posted in Messina in January 1859, it bears six different values of the set of seven stamps.

A PORTRAIT of William Shakespeare forms the design of an American stamp to be issued later this month in the poet's honour.

The stamp is a 5-cents value printed in brown on pale brown paper. It will be first placed on sale at Stratford, in the State of Connecticut. This town is the home of the American Shakespeare

Musical instruments of centuries ago, the lute and the horn, are featured in the design of another new American stamp (pictured here). To be issued in October,



this stamp will honour American music.

Also in the design are a music score, a laurel wreath, and a spray of oak-leaves. The stamp will be printed in red, blue, and black on pale blue paper.

When new American stamps are issued, the Post Office usually services about half a million First Day Covers for collectors. The recent stamp in honour of the late President Kennedy broke all records with over two million First Day Covers.

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Start at CIRCLE and place the words below in the order in which they are connected—fictionally, historically, in rhyme, having the same meaning, being opposite, an anagram, etc.—until you reach Assisi. Clue: Circle-ring-king.

NEW, GUINEA, BACON, FRANCIS, RING, OLD, KING, MIDAS, GOLD, PIG.

CAN YOU ...?

Join a rug and a lock of hair to form part of a bed?

Join white crystallised flakes and a college official to form a mountain?

Join a vehicle and a measure to form a container?

Join part of the body and a hard-shelled fruit to form a tree?

BI PUZZLE

The answer to each of the clues below begins with the letter BI.

Two-legged animal.

Arm muscle.

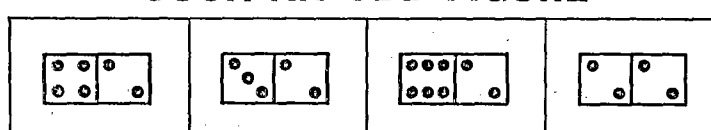
Cut into two equal parts.

Occurring once every two years.

The science of living organisms.

Grotesque.

SUCH AN ODD FIGURE



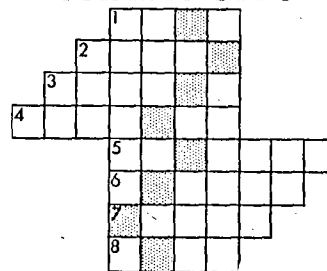
Look at the dominoes carefully and then see if you can pick out the one which is quite different from the rest.

IDENTIFY, PLEASE!

Can you give other names for each of the following?

The Friendly Islands, The Land of the Midnight Sun, The Dark Continent, The George Cross Island.

SHADE CITY



Answer the clues correctly, and the letters in the shaded squares will, when re-arranged, spell the name of a European capital.

1 Canal that connects the Mediterranean and the Red Sea. 2 Part of Israel famous for oranges. 3 World's greatest desert. 4 German city which gave its name to a perfume. 5 Highest mountain in the world. 6 Most northerly State of the USA. 7 Capital of Switzerland. 8 British protectorate in the Middle East.

Answers to puzzles are on page 12

THOSE PIPERS AGAIN!

Remember the Piper family? They're back in this amusing and exciting new serial

1. Meeting With Bulldog

ABOUT half an hour before sunset, Dad said we might as well pack in for the day. Vince and I helped load the bags of hops on the trailer; Leonie and Mum put the ice-box and the tea-cups and so on in the back of the Chev.

We'd been picking hops since eight o'clock that morning and we were all pretty tired.

"Your turn to walk tonight," Vince said, gloating a bit.

"Oh, break it down, will you?" I said. "I walked last night, didn't I?"

"I walked last night," Vince said.

"Tas walked last night," said Leonie from the front seat of the Chev.

"Too right I did," I said.

Vince went right up in the air the way he does when he's crossed. "Well, of all the..."

"Wait on," said Dad. "Let's think a minute."

We looked at him and waited. "Who was it," he said after a few moments, "I gave the money to to pay your Aunt Dora for the milk?"

"Me," said Vince. "And I paid it."

"Well, that was last night."

"That settles it then," Vince said.

I remembered then, but being awkward I went on just the same.

"I don't see why anyone has to walk," I said. "I reckon if the

one time it was the road; the Pipers cleared it when they first settled in the valley.

I went on, still without my boots on, because it was easier that way. Personally, whenever I found myself stepping out along that old track I always had a feeling of pride. I always got to thinking of my great-grandfather, old Jem Piper, and imagined him looking all round, axe in one hand and a gun in the other. He was the first, you see. It was his valley; every stump and stone.

This particular day, though, I wasn't thinking about old Jem Piper. I was thinking about how Leonie and I had got to start school in a couple of days' time. In fact, the other kids had been back at school now after the summer holidays for a couple of weeks. Dad had wanted the hops picked, so we hadn't gone to school, but, as he said, there's a limit to how long you can do this for. And a fortnight was Dad's limit.

I was thinking about this and working out how much I'd already earned when I caught sight of old Bulldog lumbering along in front of me.

Bulldog isn't exactly a clobber of mine, but he sits next to me at school, and as there are only half a dozen blokes around my age in the valley I can't afford to be choosy. Anyway, it was someone to talk to.

"How's it go, Tas?" he starts up before I'd even got to him. "What's it like at school?"

"What do you mean, what's it like?" I said. "You been wagging it?"

Bulldog grinned.

"Too right," he said. "Got better things to do than sit in a stuffy old classroom having old Cunningham ear-bash me."

"Such as?" I said.

"Been up the bush to see my granddad, for one thing."

ACCORDING to what people in the valley said, Bulldog's granddad was a half-crazy old bloke who lived all by himself out in the bush, eight or ten miles beyond the sawmills at Stanmore. In the old days he'd been a prospector, and he'd never found anything interesting. Then he'd stumbled on this coal seam in the side of a hill and had started digging out the coal and making a great pile of it all ready for the day he could make his fortune by selling it down in Hobart. He was dead unlucky of course. Nobody wanted coal in Hobart.

"What did you do up there?" I said.

"Nothing much."

It didn't sound worth missing school for.

We came to the bottom of the

slope and started climbing, and that didn't leave us any breath for talking. Our house is right on top, the only house. We can look down on the whole valley from our windows.

We stopped for a rest about half-way up.

"I haven't been to school yet this term," I said. "Been picking hops for my Dad. But he says I've got to start Monday."

A bit later we reached our place. Leonie was looking out of the window.

"Why don't we both wag it for a couple of days?" Bulldog said. "Come up the bush with me and see my old granddad's mine. Have a bit of fun up there."

"The way you were just telling me didn't sound much fun," I said. "Anyway, I'm supposed to start school."

Bulldog picked up a nice round stone and took a shot at our water tanks. He hit the empty one and

"Been up the bush to see my granddad, for one thing," said Bulldog

it clanged out like a church bell.

"Don't reckon I'll come back to school just yet anyway," Bulldog said. "I'll have another day or so up the mine. Always a chance I might run into my Dad out there."

This didn't make what I'd call sense.

"See your Dad at home surely," I said.

"Home!" said Bulldog in a real contemptuous voice. "Home, you say!" He picked up another stone and clanged the tank. "Well, I'll be going."

WHEN I got inside, Mum was ready for me.

"Was that you hitting the tank?" she said. "How many times I told you about that? Make a hole in it and give people hours of work putting it right."

"It was Bulldog Rainbird," Leonie said. "It wasn't Tas at all."

"Then you should have stopped him," Mum told me.

The idea of anyone stopping Bulldog struck me as so comical I had to grin.

"I can't see anything to laugh at," Mum said.



It was obvious she was in one of her moods and I had to think quick of some way of heading her off. I started to tell her about Bulldog wagging it up the bush, and then about the odd thing he'd said about seeing his Dad up there.

It worked good.

"Poor kid," Mum said. "He doesn't have much of a home nowadays. They're in real bad trouble up there."

"Who's in real bad trouble?" said Dad, coming in just then.

"The Rainbirds," Mum said. "I don't know how she manages. I don't reckon she's seen the colour of a pound note these last two months. Tub hasn't had a job since he finished up at the sawmills."

Bulldog's father was called Tub. It was what everybody called him.

"He's had a lot of bad luck," Dad agreed.

"Bad luck!" Mum snorted. "His trouble is he hates work. Just look at his place out there!"

I'd been up to the Rainbird place and knew what Mum was talking about.

Dad nodded slowly.

"Poor old Tub," he said. "We

ought to have given him a bit of help."

"Did anyone give you help when you were making this place?" Mum demanded. Then she suddenly seemed to remember something and cried out, "Mutton sakes—I wanted to see the Rainbird boy! Look, Tas, run out and tell him I want him."

"Run?" I said. "I just walked home, didn't I?"

"You heard me."

So I went out, but by this time Bulldog had disappeared up the track.

I went back.

"He's gone," I said.

"You'll have to go up there tomorrow morning, then," Mum said. "I told Mrs. Rainbird she could have some of Vince's clothes that he's grown out of. You can take them up."

"Take them all that way?"

I SHOT out of the door like I was an orange pip someone had just squeezed. I even ran a couple of hundred yards up the track to the first bend. But it was no use; Bulldog had gone.

To be continued

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by RICHARD PARKER

old bomb can pull a few bags of hops, she can pull me." But I knew this wasn't true. The Chev was in the last stages of decay. She wouldn't pull up the hill to our house. Dad had to leave her at the bottom under a tarpaulin. Leonie started to get out of the front seat.

"I don't mind walking," she said. She wasn't trying to make me look mean; she's not like that at all. She's a real nice kid, my sister.

"You get back in here," Mum said. "The very idea! Doesn't that just make you feel ashamed, Tas?"

It did, in a way, and I didn't argue any more. Instead I just let them go off without me.

Then I started back myself. Our hop-field is on a flat piece of ground right in the middle of a bend in the creek and any direction leads to the water.

I TOOK off my boots and crossed the creek to the track which runs right up the valley. At

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THE Olympic Torch will be lit in Athens, capital of Greece, on 21st August. From then until it reaches Tokyo on 9th October, it is said that the Torch will have been carried by 100,696 runners.

SHOOTING SCHOOLBOYS

SEVENTEEN - YEAR - OLD Michael Williamson (left) and his brother John (18) are schoolboys with their eyes on a target.

John is a school junior champion and holds a National Rifle Association bronze medal. Last year he was a member of the Imperial Cadet Rifle Association team which toured Canada—and returned with a silver medal. This year, Michael is due to stay in Canada until 20th August, and hopes to improve on his brother's performance.

Both attend the Monmouth School in South Wales.

SWIMMING SHEILA FROM SINGAPORE

A GIRL who may prove to be quite a power in British swimming is 12-year-old Sheila Aldred, daughter of an Army sergeant who has been stationed in Singapore.

While there, Sheila was selected to represent the State of Malaysia in a recent international meeting against swimmers from neighbouring Thailand. And she won the gold medal in the 400 metres free-style.

Sheila, who has her eyes on the 1968 Olympics, has been coached by Neo Chwee Kok, who himself represented Singapore in the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki, Finland. Neo has won several gold medals in the Asian Games.

Hours in a Pool

At 6.30 each morning Sheila would go to the Army swimming pool near her home to swim a steady 1,500 metres. After school she would be back in the pool again for a few hours.

Her eagerness to train and to learn were reward enough for Neo, who says: "If she goes on training and developing as at present, she should stand a good chance of finding a firm place at the top of British and international swimming."



Sheila Aldred

Sheila will soon be able to make the first efforts to reach the top, for her father is coming back to England this month and will be stationed at Chilwell, Nottinghamshire. So we may soon be seeing Sheila in competitions.

DINGHY RACING

THERE should be some exciting dinghy racing off Plymouth between Monday and Friday of next week. This is The Mirror Class National Championship Week, and about 100 of these well-known dinghies will take part.

Competitors will sail over the Olympic course in the Sound, and all will be striving to become the Champion Mirror Helmsman and so win the top prize, the Daily Mirror Trophy.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS CRICKET

For those of you who would like to see the remaining representative matches, here is the list of games:

Senior

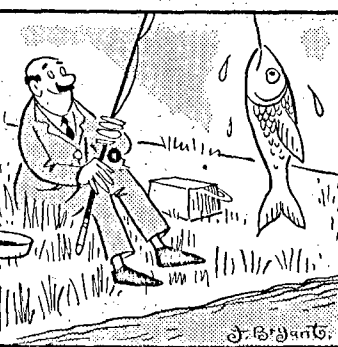
7th August: ESCA v Northampton CCC. County ground, Northampton.

10th-11th August: Welsh SCA v English SCA. Colwyn Bay.

14th August: ESCA v MCC Young Professionals.

15th August: ESCA v H. S. Altham's Public School XI.
Both matches at Lord's.

ALL-ROUND ALFIE



MASTERS AT RUGBY

We at the Northampton Grammar School should all be proud of our rugby-playing gym masters. One, who has recently left, was Mr. A. M. Underwood, who has played four times for England. Our two present gym masters are Mr. F. D. Sykes, who has twice played on the wing for England, and Mr. K. Smart, who plays for Cumberland at blind wing forward. All have played for Northampton Rugby F.C. and Mr. Smart is the trainer.

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THANKS FOR THE MEMORY

I am writing of someone we had and were proud of at my school. It is not one of the mistresses but the girl who used to be the head of my house. She is 18 years old and her name is Jeanette Stewart-Wood. Unfortunately, she left the school recently, having finished her examinations. She has left to continue training for water-skiing.

Last year she won the British over-all water-skiing championship and slalom, and also won the Junior European titles for the same events.

Gail Barnicoat, 64 Sevenoaks Road, Orpington, Kent.

SCHOOLS ON TOUR

From Mr. H. Husband, honorary secretary of the Athletics Section of the Derbyshire Schools Sports Association, there comes news of a tour.

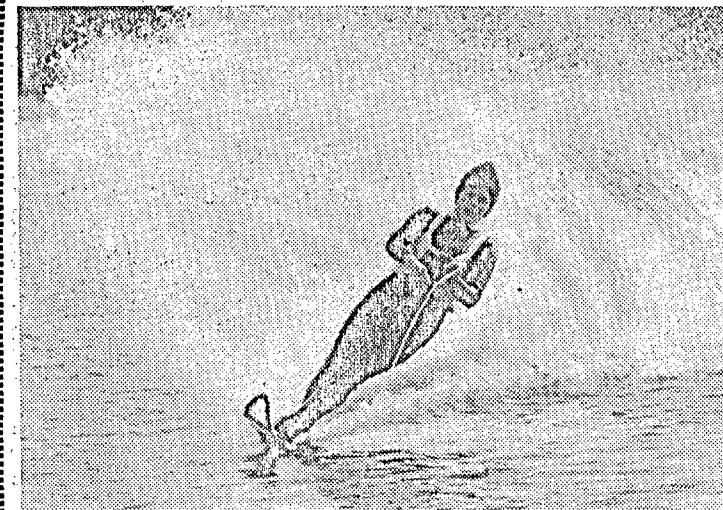
Athletes from a number of schools will leave Derbyshire on 27th August to travel via Dover, Ostend, Brussels, Cologne, and Darmstadt, to reach Bidingen. There the boys and girls would be accommodated in the homes of local families.

On 1st September there would be a match against a team representing northern Darmstadt. After this, the party would move to Darmstadt, and on the 4th would compete against a team from the southern area of the town.

During their stay, the Derbyshire boys and girls will be taken on a number of tours, including visits to schools, and they will also take part in sports—football, basketball, swimming, and so on—organised by their hosts.

The party will get back home on 8th September.

Address your letters to: The Sports Editor, Children's Newspaper, Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4.



And here is Jeanette Stewart-Wood, who made a record jump of 87 feet in the British National Water Ski championships recently

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

(P. 3) Do You Know? It is derived from Phoenician and Arabic; Nationalist Party, led by Mr. Olivier. Labour Party, led by Mr. Dom Mintoff; Roman Catholic. CN Chess Club: 1... R-R8 ch; 2 KxR, Q-R5 ch; 3 K-N1, Q-R7 mate. (P. 4): Crossword Puzzle: ACROSS: 1 Apollo. 5 Images. 10 Tee. 11 Oil. 12 Totter. 15 Script. 17 Ida. 18 Kayak. 20 Dot. 21 Sews. 23 May. 24 Mete. 25 Ate. 27 Aid. 28 Enchant. 30 Wad. 31 Dry. 34 Weak. 36 Mar. 38 Ease. 40 Err. 41 Maker. 43 Who. 44 Laded. 46 Dinner. 48 Eel. 49 Doe. 50 Senate. 51 Meddle. DOWN: 1 Artist. 2 Ottawa. 3 Let. 4 Leek. 6 Mock. 7 Air. 8 Glided. 9 Setter. 13 Ode. 14 Ram.

15 Say. 16 Pot. 19 Yashmak. 22 Steak. 24 Mitre. 26 End. 27 And. 29 Swells. 30 Warden. 32 Yawned. 33 George. 35 Era. 36 Mad. 37 Red. 39 She. 41 Melt. 42 Ride. 45 Lea. 47 Nod. (P. 10): Ten Words To Place: Circle, ring, king, Midas, gold, old, new, guinea, pig, bacon, Francis, Assisi. Can You...? Mattress: Snowdon; cartoon; chestnut. Such An Odd Figure: The second domino, the only one with an uneven number. Bi Puzzle: Bi-ped; bi-cep; bi-sect; bi-enniel; bi-ology; bi-zarre. Identify, Please! Tonga group; Norway; Africa; Malta. Shade City: 1 Suez. 2 Jaffa. 3 Sahara. 4 Cologne. 5 Everest. 6 Alaska. 7 Berne. 8 Aden. —BELGRADE (Yugoslavia).

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